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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]21,131	.....	6,029	4,594	4,261	1,011	141	198	[2]146,343	.....	17,783	11,212	41,695	7,361	1,134	1,199
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]7,501	2,992	632	1,105	449	38	69	.....	[2]54,470	8,119	2,904	7,882	3,230	155	332
Massachusetts.....	234	155	60	...	103	(*)	(*)	1	1,165	721	242	...	841	10	11	7
Rochester.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	97	97	95	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	25	25	22	...	(*)	...	...	...	105	101	100	...	1	...	...	...
New York.....	6,789	2,330	1,199	447	3,639	358	56	166	51,520	12,693	6,237	3,428	36,204	2,866	558	912
Philadelphia.....	75	62	5	3	8	58	...	...	1,042	976	57	3	61	918	...	...
Maryland.....	41	37	3	...	18	2	1	1	57	34	10	...	28	2	2	9
Virginia.....	35	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	46	...	...
Florida.....	7,759	2,168	2,964	4,056	1	1	(*)	2	12,956	4,145	5,018	7,338	7	7	4	12
New Orleans.....	406	120	310	25	24	(*)	...	...	840	269	667	104	6	1	...	...
Galveston.....	536	225	223	13	60	185	2	19	1,770	770	708	69	640	120	36	149
Laredo.....	154	86	130	10	...	...	...	...	661	415	581	64	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	325	113	51	17	106	71	14	2	4,327	644	291	115	2,167	1,540	79	55
San Francisco.....	371	185	10	10	36	216	44	1	3,037	890	59	42	772	1,657	401	14
Washington.....	198	158	149	...	(*)	12	...	...	541	386	483	...	(*)	5	...	...
Alaska.....	44	43	(*)	(*)	(*)	41	...	...	54	51	11	1	3	35	...	...
Hawaii.....	62	42	9	...	...	8	19	...	53	36	6	...	...	25	10	...
Montana and Idaho.....	32	32	24	...	...	...	...	...	125	120	115	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	61	57	49	...	...	...	...	...	150	140	127	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	18	15	14	...	...	...	...	...	64	63	58	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	35	26	5	(*)	28	(*)	...	(*)	120	90	7	1	102	1	...	5
Chicago.....	745	156	357	2	232	21	3	6	3,310	734	2,118	10	806	125	34	26
Ohio.....	194	2	146	(*)	1	...	...	(*)	612	9	519	7	10	...	...	1
Puerto Rico.....	294	136	254	3	1	...	...	...	247	96	219	4	7	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	60	32	44	7	4	2	...	1	141	91	57	26	39	4	...	10
Special Category[3].....	2,637	1,294	...	...	...	...	...	...	63,303	30,901	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	7,540	.....	2,627	367	3,972	520	23	31	56,552	.....	6,004	1,237	41,819	4,721	307	548
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,362	1,419	89	1,547	294	1	12	.....	21,233	2,569	745	14,489	3,285	31	113
Massachusetts.....	83	34	29	(*)	54	...	...	...	644	312	212	1	379	...	...	...
Rochester.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	10	8	8	...	(*)	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	5	5	5	...	(*)	...	...	...	278	254	263	...	1	...	...	...
New York.....	4,074	1,569	233	25	3,579	204	2	31	43,966	14,320	2,532	486	38,103	1,195	137	545
Philadelphia.....	22	21	(*)	...	22	...	...	...	73	39	1	...	51	...	...	...
Maryland.....	17	1	(*)	...	17	...	...	...	435	183	8	...	403	...	...	...
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	1,277	487	959	315	1	2	...	...	1,677	1,020	899	681	12	11	...	...
New Orleans.....	118	82	118	...	(*)	...	...	...	94	62	71	...	9	...	...	...
Galveston.....	99	81	92	6	2	(*)	(*)	(*)	140	72	49	26	25	1	(*)	1
Laredo.....	249	117	246	3	...	...	...	...	157	96	142	3	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	191	110	60	(*)	73	58	(*)	(*)	1,731	742	94	20	1,041	400	14	(*)
San Francisco.....	168	114	4	...	29	135	1	(*)	1,100	607	38	...	194	734	26	(*)
Washington.....	131	89	10	...	4	100	16	...	2,345	2,059	78	...	42	2,150	1	...
Alaska.....	10	9	(*)	...	(*)	9	...	...	149	144	1	...	2	145	...	...
Hawaii.....	23	5	6	...	1	12	4	...	239	50	5	...	3	78	130	...
Montana and Idaho.....	2	2	2	...	(*)	...	...	...	25	25	24	...	(*)	...	...	...
Dakota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	20	20	20	...	(*)	...	...	...	48	42	40	...	1	...	...	...
Michigan.....	33	25	1	...	31	(*)	...	...	179	107	3	...	144	1	...	...
Chicago.....	175	91	47	...	126	1	...	(*)	2,516	906	1,256	...	1,157	7	...	1
Ohio.....	27	1	10	...	17	...	...	(*)	287	6	72	...	186	...	...	(*)
Puerto Rico.....	809	497	780	18	11	...	...	...	303	163	197	20	30	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	7	4	4	...	3	...	...	...	148	13	10	...	37	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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